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AMENDMENT/RESPONSE

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

1. (PREVIOUSLY AMENDED) A nozzle for the injection of fluid into a molding chamber comprising:

a hollow passage having a distal end for connecting a pressurized fluid supply to the interior of said chamber; and

a pin extending through said passage and reciprocal between an extended position and a retracted position, said pin having an enlarged distal portion substantially blocking said passage when said pin is in its retracted position, and having a pressure surface on said distal portion exposed to pressurized fluid supplied via said passage, said pin being reciprocable between its extended and retracted positions with fluid at said pressure surface; and